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Mr. Renchard of the Chemical Bank of New York, head of the London office here, called on me with Mr. Stuart Don, a Vice President, and a friend of my brother, Jim.

John Loudon of the Royal Dutch Shell came to see me. I have known him for years; he is a charming man. Arthur Schlesinger arrived this afternoon from Paris to stay with us. We dined tonight with Virginia and David Craig. Sir Christopher Chancellor (who married a [redacted] cousin of E's) [redacted] his wife, and Henry Irving and his wife were there. Irving is a grandson of the famous actor and is a delightful man. He was once on The Times and seems unusually well informed on a variety of subjects.

The Laotian affair remains in an unsatisfactory state.

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